

CORRECTION ON FRIDAY NEWS - SOUTHERN SEMINARY

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I want to correct a mistake in the Friday News for March 28. The first article was entitled "Southern Seminary Professor Says Abusing Environment Like Tearing Pages from Bible."

That should be Southeastern Seminary. Both Southern and Southeastern are official Southern Baptist seminaries.

I apologize for this mistake.

Following is the corrected report:

SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY PROFESSOR SAYS ABUSING ENVIRONMENT LIKE TEARING PAGES FROM BIBLE (Friday Church News Notes, March 28, 2008, www.wayoflife.org fbns@wayoflife.org, 866-295-4143) - Jonathan Merritt, a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, told the press recently that one of his professors made the statement "that when we destroy creation, which is God's revelation, it is no different than tearing a page out of the Bible" ("Baptists: No Change on Climate Change," *WorldNetDaily*, March 13, 2008). Merritt said that this statement inspired him to launch a campaign to produce a stronger action within the Southern Baptist Convention against climate change. What I found interesting is not this misguided seminarian's actions but the fact that he was inspired by a heretical statement by one of his professors (who he did not name). Scripture does say that God speaks through creation, that it is a light to mankind (Romans 1:20; Psalm 19:1-6). But it nowhere likens creation to the Bible or even hints that to destroy creation would be like ripping pages from the Bible. That is truly preposterous. Further, to say that if we don't buy into the mythical global warming frenzy that we are destroying creation and/or sinning against God is even more preposterous. What Merritt needs to do is get busy doing what Jesus Christ told us to do, which is "preach the gospel to every creature," and that does not mean the trees! And what Southeastern Seminary needs to do is find out that teacher's name and fire him.

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